

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 12 to 25.

A new set of claims responsive to points set forth in the Official Action is presented.

Their significance is discussed in detail below.

Claims 1 to 11 have been rejected as indefinite in the use of certain terms.

- i) With regard to the term "fused bicyclic pyridine derivative", it has been replaced by the term "the compound", per the Examiner's suggestion

Further, the term "general" has been deleted.

- ii) With regard to adjacent substituents on rings A and B, these have been defined based on the disclosure at page 16, lines 20 to 22 of the present specification.

The Official Action questions how many rings are intended and it is clear from the fact that each of rings A and B can have one to three substituents, that there can only be one ring formed by two adjacent substituents on each of rings A and B.

- iii) With regard to the nature of the substituents on the substituents of rings A and B, the term "substituted" is now defined as a halogen substituted alkyl based on the disclosure at page 15, line 24 to page 16, line 8.

Similarly, the term "substituted alkoxy" is now defined as halogen substituted alkoxy based on the disclosure at page 16, lines 9 to 18.

With regard to the rejection of claims 6 to 11 as substantial duplicates, this is no longer the case in view of the fact that these claims have been redrafted along the lines of the Examiner's helpful suggestion.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.


If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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